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LAURÉ, MARTIN JOHN. *The Property Concepts of the Early Hebrews*. [Research Bulletin, Vol. IV, No. 2, of the series entitled "Studies in Sociology, Economics, Politics and History."] Iowa City: University of Iowa, 1915. 98 pages.

The writer sets himself the task of analyzing the property concept of the early Hebrews from the standpoint of its psychic genesis, that is, the *idea* of property. The development is traced down to the Deuteronomic code under the following chapter divisions: "The Divine Property Right," "Slavery," "Personal Property," "Real Property," and "Special Concepts." The final chapter deals with the theory of property in relation to the Hebrews and forms a proper introduction to the main discussion. The writer concludes that the idea of property in Israel, as elsewhere, originated in taboo, while the first object of property was woman taken in war. The writer takes as his basis the critical analysis of the sources; and it is refreshing to look at Israel's early traditions at times from some other than a religious standpoint. The results of this brochure which rest on the principles of economics and sociology are highly interesting, but the author's critical handling of the early Hebrew tradition is not always such as to inspire confidence in his conclusions which are made to rest upon that basis.

L. W.

DRIVER, S. R. *The Ideals of the Prophets*. New York: Scribner, 1915. xii+239 pages. 3s. 6d.

This consists of a selection of twenty sermons chosen as illustrative of the title, and also as representative of the late Dr. Driver's ordinary teaching and preaching in his capacity as Regius professor of Hebrew, and canon of Christ Church, Oxford, from 1882 to 1914. The collection is edited and provided with an appreciative preface by Dr. G. A. Cooke, Dr. Driver's successor at Oxford.

The value of the volume is still further enhanced by the addition of three appendices arranged by Dr. Driver's son, Mr. Godfrey R. Driver. Appendix A comprises a complete bibliography of all of Dr. Driver's published works, arranged in chronological order, furnishing at once a ready means of reference and an illuminating perspective of the author's literary life-work. Appendix B enumerates the main events in Dr. Driver's career and Appendix C gives a list of the chief obituary notices.

If the reader looks for impassioned oratory in these sermons he will meet with disappointment. Dr. Driver made no pretense at oratorical skill or imaginative appeal. He was first of all the careful scholar and painstaking teacher, whose chief aim in pulpit or classroom when dealing with the prophets of Israel was to let them clearly speak their own message with all possible fulness and precision. It was in this way that he sought to counteract false notions of the nature and function of prophecy and at the same time to allow those teachings to commend themselves by their own intrinsic worth. In one important particular it was not possible to do this merely from the prophet's own words, viz., in the matter of the fulfilment of prophecy, and here the author is repeatedly at pains to emphasize the fact that the prophets never aimed nor professed to write history in advance, but when they drew their vivid pictures of coming doom or future glory it was primarily for the purpose of molding the life of their own times in accord with what ought to be as the seer saw the problem. In a very real sense, therefore, this volume is a biographical contribution to the life of a great prophetic interpreter of Scripture, and it has the merit, in that case not too often shared

by biographies, of telling so much more than it says. It is gratifying to learn that we may expect two further publications from Dr. Driver's pen, the one to be *Studies in the Psalms*, and consisting of a reprint of articles previously published, and the other an unfinished commentary on the Book of Job in the International Critical series, to be completed by the co-operation of Dr. G. B. Gray and Dr. A. H. McNeile.

L. W.

KITTEL, RUD. *Die Psalmen Israel's nach dem Versmass der Urschrift verdeutsch.* Leipzig: Deichert, 1915. viii+217 pages. M. 2.50.

In *Die Psalmen* ("Kommentar zum Alten Testament," Band XIII, 1914) Professor Kittel gave to the scholarly world his interpretation of the Psalter. The present volume is a reprint, practically without change, of his translation of the Psalms, which was the basis of the commentary. There is no introduction, notes, or comments. This translation seeks to accomplish two things for the general reader aside from rendering the thought in a modern tongue: first, to present the poetic meter of the original in German dress, and, secondly, to reproduce as far as possible the phraseology of Luther's Version. Both motives are doubtless praiseworthy. It is an open question, however, whether Hebrew poetry with its totally different verse measure can be brought home to the average reader in this manner. Certainly much of this translation can scarcely be rated as poetic according to any standard of German poetry. Nevertheless the translation itself is by a master-hand and is based upon full cognizance of the state of the text. It presents in compact yet lucid form this careful writer's basic interpretation of the Psalter.

L. W.

DAHL, GEORGE. *The Materials for the History of Dor.* [Transactions of the Connecticut Academy of Arts and Sciences.] Yale University Press, 1915. 131 pages. \$1.40.

A painstaking enumeration and a critical examination of all literary references to the Palestinian coast town of Dor from remotest antiquity to modern times. The array of references is impressive, as one sees at a glance at how many levels in the strata of literary remains the life and existence of this place may be touched; moreover, the extent of time covered and the frequency of the notices vividly suggest that these "materials" are but the prelude to more important archeological materials which lie beneath the soil. This thorough presentation of the available evidence ought to do much to stimulate the excavations of the actual site.

L. W.

NEW TESTAMENT

[DIEKAMP, FRANCISCUS.] *Patres Apostolici.* Editionem Funkianam novis curis in lucem emisit FRANCISCUS DIEKAMP. Volumen II. Clement's Romani Epistulae de Virginitate eiusdemque Martyrium Epistulae Pseudo-Ignatii Martyria Fragmenta Polycarpiana Polycarpi Vita. Tübingen: Laupp, 1913. xc+490 pages. M. 8.

In Funk's second edition of his *Patres Apostolici* (1901) he made relatively little change in his second volume, and this fact and subsequent discoveries have led Diekamp to re-edit and expand that volume. His additions include some Greek fragments of the Epistles of Clement on Virginité, the Latin version of the Martyrdom of